

AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Mr. Piraviperumal Pillai, you may present the report of the Select Committee and move for its being considered.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce Industry, South*) : Sir, I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on my amendment to Standing Order 3 (b) and move that it be taken up for consideration.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*) : I second it.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I suppose no amendment is sent up by any member. I take it that the amendment made by the Select Committee is accepted by the House.

The amendment made by the Select Committee was accepted by the House.

RESOLUTIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

THROWING OPEN OF SIRKAR SATRAMS TO ALL CLASSES.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*) : Sir, I beg to move the following resolution :

"This Council recommends to the Government that all Sirkar Satrams be thrown open to all the subjects of the State."

There are, in Travancore, many *satrams* which are owned and maintained by the Government. The object of starting these *satrams* was to give facilities to the travelling public, and with this idea, these *satrams* were built in all towns and big business centres. Though there are many *satrams* in Travancore, some of these are not open to all classes of people. They are open only to the caste Hindus. There are only 8 lakh of caste Hindus in Travancore while there are more than 32 lakhs among other castes.

MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know how many *satrams* there are in Travancore which are not open to all classes ?

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*) : According to my information, there are about 12 *satrams*.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : What is the total number of *satrams* in the whole State ?

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*) : I have no information. My resolution, as it stands, refers only to *satrams* which are not open to all classes of people in the State.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Are there not *satrams* which are not open to anybody ?

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*) : I do not know the existence of any such *satrams*. I am speaking only about Sirkar *satrams* maintained out of public funds. While opening these *satrams*, the originators might have